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**From:** Chris Cowles [cowles8@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 7:20 PM  
**To:** Judiciary@cga.ct.gov  
**Subject:** Attn: Clerk regarding SB-1094 & SB-1210  
**Importance:** High

As a licensed, responsible firearms owner who enjoys target/sport shooting and carries for personal protection, I strongly and respectfully ask that you enter this correspondence into public record for the Judiciary Committee hearing to be held March 23, 2011 regarding SB-1094 and SB-1210.

I ask that the committee not support SB-1094 and any legislation that forces law-abiding citizens to surrender their property based on the actions of criminals who do not abide by the law.

SB-1094 is a bill in search of a problem, despite the recent media attention given to "large capacity" magazines, no correlation exists between the size or arbitrary capacity of a detachable magazine and violent crime.

The bottom line is that criminals will commit crimes no matter what laws are in place. That's what makes them criminals.

Responsible owners of "large capacity" magazines are not criminals or individuals intent on committing atrocious acts. They own the magazines for a variety of reasons, including sport, competition or self-defense.

The State of Connecticut has tens of thousands of responsible gun owners and I urge you to respect their rights.

In regards to SB-1210, I ask that the committee give serious thought to supporting this legislation. For far too long, criminals have been given more rights than responsible, licensed firearms owners who are put in position of protecting their property, family or themselves during home invasions.

Yours sincerely,

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